Could make him the receiver of; which he took, As we do air, fast as 'twas minister'd; and In his spring became a harvest: Liv'd in court, (Which rare it is to do,) most prais'd, most lov'd[9] *1* A sample to the youngest; to the more mature, A glass that feated them *; and to the graver, A child that guided dotards: to his mistress[2],

-Liv'd in court,

(Which rare It is to do,,) most praised, most lov[T]d:] This encomium is high and artful. To be at once In any great degree *joved* and *praised,* is truly *rare.* JOHNSON.

* A glass that FEATED them ;] A glass *ihntformed* them *;* a model, by the contemplation and inspection of which they formed their manners, JOHNSON.

This passage may be well explained by another In The First Fart of King Henry IV'.:

"------He was indeed.the glass
" Wherein the noble youths did *dress* themselves/' Again, Ophelia describes Hamlet as—
" *The glass of fashion,* and the mould of form."

To dress themselves, therefore, may be to form themselves. "*Dresser** in French, is *to-Jbrm** To-*dress* a spaniel is to break Mm in.

Feat is *nice, exact.* So, in The Tempest:

" ------]00j.? how we]j my garments sit upon me,,
" *Muchfeater* than before."

To feat, therefore, may be a verb meaning—to *render nzcef exact** By the dress of Posthumus, even the more mature courtiers condescended to regulate their external appearance.

STEEVENS.

Feat Minsheu interprets, *fine, neat, ftrceve.* See also Barrett's Alvearie, 1580; "*Feat* and pleasant, *concinnce et venusta sententia l*

The poet does not, I thinlc, mean to say merely, that the more mature regulated their *dress* by that of Posthumus. A glass that feated them, is a model, by viewing which their form became more elegant, and their manners more polished.

We have nearly the same image in The Winter's Tale :

"----------1 should blush
" To see you so attir*d; sworn, I think,
** To show myself a *glass.'** Again, more appositely in Hamlet:
" He was the mark and *glass,* copy and book, "
That *jfashiotfd* others/' MALONE. [a] — TO his mistress,] Means—a$to his mistress. M. MASON.